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‘It’s a Woman’s World’ debuts at Manchester University

Students in the Manchester University Theatre Society will present an original musical, “It’s a Woman’s World,” by Andy Vance. The musical is a theatrical, dramatic comedy that follows different women in their journeys through dealing with struggles in today’s world. This musical is for mature audiences only. The musical is at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 23 in Cordier Auditorium at the North Manchester campus. Admission is free. The play is directed by Vance, a senior student from Portage. This production is her senior project as a performing arts administration major at MU.

Empty Bowls fundraiser set for Saturday at Manchester University

An Empty Bowls fundraiser is set to last from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 23 on the Manchester University Mall. At the annual Empty Bowls fundraising event, the soup will be served in bowls decorated by members of the Manchester University community. Donations will go to Urban Seeds, an Evansville-based nonprofit that works to increase access to nourishing foods in southwest Indiana. The suggested donation is \$5, but larger donations are welcome.

Western square dance lessons offered

Western square dance lessons will be held during the spring this year. The lessons are being sponsored by the Belles and Beaus Square Dance Club. The lessons will be open to beginners on Saturday, April 23 in the Scout Hall in Warvel Park, at 7th and Market streets in North Manchester. The square dance lessons will run from 3 to 4:30 p.m. The first lesson is free. Subsequent lessons are \$3 per person. Lessons will move to Sunday afternoons in May and June. Everyone is invited to join the fun – couples and singles, young and older. All are welcome. For more information, call 260-215-3694 or 260-982-2814 or email rjschroll@manchester.edu.

Manchester University professor brings ‘Mud & Cloth’ exhibit to Honeywell Center

Ejenobo “Jena” Oke brings her unique “Mud & Cloth” exhibit to the Clark Gallery in Honeywell Center through Sunday, April 24. Oke is best known as a fiber artist and

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IDEM finds contaminants in five local private wells near Treaty Creek

Three of these exceeded EPA Lifetime Health Advisory levels of PFAS

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

In late February, state and local agencies began asking several dozen southern Wabash County homeowners for permission to test their private drinking water wells after elevated levels of contaminants were detected in

Treaty Creek.

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) director of communications Ryan T. Clem said they – in partnership with the Indiana Department of Health (ISDH) and the Wabash County Department of Health – were responding to reports of elevated levels of Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) in Treaty Creek. Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances

(PFAS) are a class of synthetic, organic chemicals that contain fluorine.

On Wednesday, Clem said IDEM received permission from 44 residents located within 300 feet of Treaty Creek to test the water in their drinking water wells.

Clem said laboratory results showed that of the samples collected, water from five wells had detectable levels of PFAS; three of which exceeded the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

(EPA) Lifetime Health Advisory level of 70 parts per trillion (ppt). The laboratory results are located in IDEM’s Virtual File Cabinet.

“In the three wells with drinking water results exceeding the U.S. EPA’s 70 ppt health advisory level, water filtration equipment is being installed at no cost to the well owner by an IDEM contractor. Water filtration using activated carbon or reverse osmosis is effective at removing PFOA and PFOS

from drinking water,” said Clem. “IDEM continues to investigate the source of the PFAS contamination. As part of the investigation, soil testing will be conducted at additional properties where possible PFAS contamination may have occurred due to its proximity to Treaty Creek.”

Clem said because many PFAS have “useful properties,” they have been used

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Wabash County composer invited to conduct at Carnegie Hall



Provided photos

Debra Lynn has conducted at Carnegie Hall twice before, in 2001 and 2007.

A sneak peek of Debra Lynn’s A Family Portrait is Sunday, May 1 in North Manchester

By ANNE GREGORY

A collection of a family’s letters from the Civil War era-inspired Manchester University Professor Debra Lynn to write “A Family Portrait.”

The North Manchester resident has been invited to conduct the oratorio at Carnegie Hall on Monday, May 30 with the New England Symphonic Ensemble and combined voices from MU’s A Cappella Choir, Manchester alumni, other northern Indiana singers and choirs from Ridgevue High School in Nampa, Idaho and



The Indiana premiere was at Wabash County’s Manchester University in 2017.

Boonville High School in Boonville, Missouri.

Closer to home, there will be a performance at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 1 in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus. Admission is free. This will be a version for chorus, two

pianos and percussion, featuring the A Cappella Choir and guest chorists.

“A Family Portrait” is an hour-long masterwork (10 movements) for chorus, orchestra, hammered dulcimer, and two soloists.

The lyrics for eight of the

movements come from letters written by three people in the Houghtaling family line. The oldest was a soldier in the Union Army, stationed at Manassas during the Civil War. The outer two movements are settings of an excerpt from Walt Whitman’s epic poem “To Think of Time.”

“It has wonderful educational value because much of the multi-layered musical material is derived from folk songs, hymns, and children’s songs from the Civil War era,” Lynn said. “If you’re an American history buff, you’ll be in heaven learning and performing this piece.”

The Monday, May 30 performance at Carnegie Hall is 7 p.m. on the Perelman Stage in Stern Auditorium and includes John Rutter conducting his Requiem and

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Local projects awarded Community Crossings funding

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Several local road and bridge projects received a boost in funding this week after the latest round of state grants was announced.

On Wednesday, Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, said communities in Senate District 17 will receive more than \$3.5 million to improve roads and bridges through the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program (CCMG).

“The CCMG, established by the Indiana General Assembly in 2016, aims to advance community infrastructure projects, strengthen local transportation networks and improve Indiana’s roads and bridges,” said press secretary Quinton Hayes.

During this latest round, North Manchester received \$18,609.90; Wabash received \$264,426.50; and

Wabash County received \$505,290.65.

“This grant program is an excellent opportunity to improve our infrastructure in a way that helps attract employers to small-town communities,” Zay said. “It is important for the future of our state to maintain and improve roads and bridges, and I encourage our local leaders to continue applying for these grants.”

On Thursday, North Manchester town manager Adam Penrod said they would use the awarded grant to crack seal various roadways.

“We were unfortunate in

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Rural broadband grants to expand connectivity to thousands locally

Wabash County will benefit from Heartland REMC, Kosciusko Connect awards

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A newly announced series of grants will help provide rural broadband connectivity to thousands of residents, including some in Wabash County.

On Wednesday, Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, said rural broadband projects in Senate District 17 will receive a total of

\$31,257,040.51 to improve broadband connectivity through the third round of the Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Program.

Created with support from the General Assembly, the Next Level Broadband Grant Program is the largest single-state investment in broadband. In total, rounds one, two and three of the program have awarded \$268 million for broadband infrastructure for more than 74,800 homes and commercial locations. When combined with private and local investment, over \$580 million has been leveraged since 2018. Projects will

have been completed in 83 of Indiana’s 92 counties through the three rounds of the awards.

Heartland REMC received three grants to expand broadband access to 4,383 households and 204 businesses in Allen, Grant, Huntington, Miami, Wabash and Wells counties.

Kosciusko Connect received a grant to expand broadband access to 1,159 households and 132 businesses in Fulton, Kosciusko, Wabash and Whitley counties.

“As Heartland REMC and

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WHS named Family Friendly School by IDOE

NHS, Sharp Creek Elementary School have also received designation previously

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Wabash High School (WHS) has been recognized as a 2022-2023 Family Friendly School by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) and given the designation of “Excelling,” said WHS assistant principal Jeffery R. Galley on Wednesday.

Started in 2015, the Family Friendly Schools designation

focuses on addressing the academic, physical, emotional, and social needs of students while providing the needed resources and fostering the active involvement of their families through the school and community.

“Being recognized in such a manner identifies the school as demonstrating excellence in engaging families in their children’s education,” said Galley. “Educating students is a group effort that involves all parents, guardians, school staff, community members and even the

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VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES

STAFF REPORT

Asbury Country Church

On Sunday, April 24 at Asbury Country Church, 1998 E. 250 South, the Sunday school will be at 10 a.m., and the worship service will be at 10:40 a.m. The worship and music leader will be Amy Bullick, and the piano will be by Roger Marine. The morning message, “Always Say ‘Thank You!’” will be delivered by Pastor Mike Bullick.

Dora Christian Church

On Sunday, April 24 at Dora Christian Church, 2325 S. Salamonie Dam Road, Lagro, the minister will be Mark Wisniewski, the song leader will be Olman Sanchez, the pianist will be Sherry Brock and the organist will be Kristy Good. We have two in-person Sunday services, one at 8:15 a.m. and one at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school classes for all ages will last from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The message for both Services will be, “What, Me Worry?”

from Matthew 6:25-34. The Communion Table will be served by Bill Miller and Chuck Marion. There will be a children’s church for the 10:30 a.m. service led by John Troyer and Janene Wisniewski. A recorded version of the sermon will also be available for viewing on the Dora Christian Church Facebook group by the morning of Sunday, April 24.

Manchester Church of the Brethren

Pastor Kurt Borgmann from the Manchester Church of the Brethren stated they will hold a live-stream service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday by visiting www.manchestercob.net. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click on the black button that says, “Manchester CoB YouTube Channel.” After the service is finished, one may access a video copy of the live stream in the same way. Another way to access the live stream or posted video: go to YouTube, search

“Manchester Church of the Brethren,” and click on the circle profile.

St. Patrick’s Church

The historic St. Patrick’s Church, 950 Main St., Lagro, will hold mass days on May 1, June 5, July 3, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6 and Dec. 4. All masses begin at 11 a.m. The Lagro 950 Speakeasy Bistro opens at 11 a.m. for an after-mass lunch at 950 Washington St., Lagro.

Wabash First Church of God

On Sunday, April 24 at Wabash First Church of God, 525 N. Miami St., Chaplin Dave Snowdon will be the guest speaker during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The service can also be seen on YouTube under Wabash 1st Church and heard at 11 a.m. Sunday on 105.9 FM. Sunday servants are Todd Eltzroth, chairperson; Sherry Whitt, worship; Marvin Whitt, reading; Rose Sands, piano; and Nancy Kolb, organ.

Mighty Mississinewa Triathlon 5k Training Run planned

If you’re interested in par-

ticipating in the Mighty Mississinewa Triathlon, your chance to familiarize yourself with the 5k foot course will be Saturday, April 30

and Saturday, June 11 at Mississinewa Lake, 4673 S. 625 East, Peru, according to interpretive manager Teresa Rody.

Those participating in the Training Run will pre-run the foot portion of the Triathlon as a group with DNR staff Alyssa Niederman-Linder.

Meet at the beach house at 9 a.m. on both days, located in Miami State Recreational Area. All experience levels are welcome.

The official Mighty Mississinewa Triathlon (MMT) will be held Saturday, Sept. 10. To register or for more information about the MMT visit <https://tinyurl.com/3fsmth54> or email mississinewalake@dnr.in.gov.

For more information, visit <https://on.IN.gov/salamonie> lake or dnr.IN.gov.

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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 8:29 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:53 a.m.

 Last 4/23	 New 4/30	 First 5/8	 Full 5/16
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 83°, humidity of 49%. South wind 9 to 18 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 64°. South wind 11 to 16 mph. Sunday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers, high of 80°, humidity of 50%.

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is an associate professor of art at Manchester University. Her works range from loom-controlled weavings to batik quilts to sculptures that incorporate ceramics, paper, felt and basketry materials.

Manchester Values, Ideas and the Arts series continues

Presentations are at 11 a.m. Mondays in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus unless otherwise noted. All except the “Spaces” concert are free and open to the public. Masks and social distancing are required. Other presentations will

also be live-streamed on the Manchester Facebook page. Check the schedule at www.manchester.edu/academics/VIA for updates. April 25 – Mary Miller, CEO and owner of JANCOA Janitorial Services, will speak in “Dream Big.” May 2 – “Trailblazers: Honoring Manchester’s First Black Students” is the keynote address on the day Manchester is naming the Academic Center in honor of siblings Martha and Joseph Cunningham. May 9 – Manchester seniors will talk about their senior honors theses. May 15 at 3 p.m. in Cordier – Violist Derek Reeves performs the world premiere of “Spaces,” a concerto composed for him by Professor Debra Lynn, director of choral or-

ganizations and vocal studies at Manchester.

Downtown Wabash Sidewalk Clings are now on sale

Spring Sidewalk Clings are now on sale for businesses and individuals to purchase as a way of advertising in downtown Wabash. The clings will be installed by May’s First Friday on May 6 through the end of July. Sidewalk Clings are available to purchase through Monday, April 25 at \$55 per cling. Those who order Sidewalk Clings may design their cling in the dimensions of 24 inches wide by 17 inches tall. To order, visit DowntownWabash.org/product/sidewalk-cling.

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since the 1940s in products such as textiles, paper, cookware, firefighting foams and electronics. PFOS and PFOA are among the most widely used PFAS.

Clem said exposure to PFAS does not mean that you will have health problems now or in the future. The immediate health risks for most people exposed to PFAS are “low.” Both PFOA and PFOS are “commonly” found in people and the environment.

The EPA has established lifetime drinking water health advisory levels for PFOA and PFOS at 70 ppt. One part per trillion is 1 second in 32,000 years or less than one drop of water in an Olympic-sized swimming pool. This health advisory level offers a margin of protection for all Americans throughout their life from adverse health effects resulting from exposure to PFOA and PFOS in drinking water. This level also offers protection to the most sensitive populations, including pregnant women and infants.

Indiana American Water (IAW) alerted IDEM to the detection of PFAS in raw water from one of its drinking water wells and in Treaty Creek in July 2021. IAW removed the well from service.

Clem said IDEM “immediately” sampled three additional public water systems’ drinking water wells located adjacent to the creek in August 2021. The water systems sampled were Southwood Elementary School, Southwood High School, and White’s Residential & Family Services. There were no detections of PFAS in any of the drinking water wells.

IDEM conducted additional surface water sam-

pling in Treaty Creek in December 2021 to confirm previous reports of PFAS in the creek and to sample additional locations. Results of this sampling were received by IDEM in January 2022 and showed elevated levels of PFAS in the creek.

PFAS was not detected in the three public water supply wells adjacent to the creek, but “out of an abundance of caution, IDEM wants to ensure unsafe levels of PFOS contamination have not affected private drinking water wells near the creek.”

Clem said late last year IDEM went back to verify what levels to confirm if Treaty Creek had elevated PFAS levels.

“We got those results back late last month and confirmed there are elevated levels of PFAS in Treaty Creek,” said Clem, in late February. “We don’t have any evidence that any wells have been affected. However, we want to make doubly sure that private drinking water wells within 300 feet of the creek have not been influenced by surface water in the creek.”

Drinking water wells located within this proximity to the creek are more likely to interact with surface water from the creek. Drinking water from a public water system is regulated by IDEM and the U.S. EPA and is tested for many contaminants regularly. Private drinking water wells are not regulated by IDEM or the U.S. EPA. Properties located in the testing area, within 300 feet of the creek, are more likely to pull in surface water from Treaty Creek into their drinking water wells. Wells located outside this area are not likely to be affected by surface water in the creek.


In the past few months, IDEM has reached out to

property owners in the testing area and will be testing the water in their wells, free of charge, as soon as the agency receives permission from the property owner.

Water filtration equipment using activated carbon or reverse osmosis is effective at removing PFOA and PFOS from drinking water. Many home drinking water treatment units are certified by independent accredited third-party organizations against American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards to verify their contaminant removal claims. NSF International (NSF) has developed a protocol for NSF/ANSI Standards 53 and 58 that establishes minimum requirements for materials, design and construction, and performance of point-of-use (POU) activated carbon drinking water treatment systems and reverse osmosis systems that are designed to reduce PFOA and PFOS in public water supplies. Carbon filtration and reverse osmosis water systems are effective at removing PFAS contamination. Another option is connecting the property to a community water system or considering drilling a deeper well that is not under the influence of surface water. Water softeners and boiling the water will not remove PFAS contamination.

For more information, contact IDEM technical environmental specialist Lynette Schrowe by phone at 800-541-6027 or by email at Dwtesting@idem.IN.gov; ISDH public health administrator Grace Bassett by phone at 317-233-9264, or by email at eph@isdh.IN.gov; or visit <https://www.in.gov/idem/cleanups/sites-of-special-interest/treaty-creek/>.

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Obituaries

Mary Beth Duker

Mary Beth Duker died April 13, 2022 at home surrounded by family.

Born in Crawfordsville, Indiana on the Ides of March 1943, Mary Elizabeth Furr graduated Crawfordsville High School in 1961 and Indiana University in 1964. As a teen she spent summers waterskiing at Daytona Beach and earned extra money as a model for an Indianapolis department store. She met Doug on a blind date in college. They married and shared a life of adventure and laughter for 58 years.

Mary Beth worked as an xray technician until her daughters were born. The family followed Doug’s work through Peoria, Elgin, Findlay, Pittsburgh, and Cleveland, eventually settling in Akron. As the girls got older, Mary Beth built her love of travel and jewelry into a career, first as a travel agent and then a travel executive with Sterling Jewelry. She traveled extensively and brought Doug and the girls along on many trips, where they skied, swam, shopped and enjoyed the cultures and cuisines of the world, making lifelong memories.

In later years, she and Doug followed family and



about. She served as President of the PTO for Akron’s Old Trail School and set a record for the most money ever raised at the annual auction. She served on the board for the Humane Society of Sumner County and earned its Volunteer of the Year in 2012. She was named Woman of the Year by the Hendersonville Key to the City Club in 2015.

Mary Beth was predeceased by her parents Parvin and Edith Furr, an infant brother, and her sister Judy Warren. She leaves behind husband Doug Duker, daughters Deidre Duker and Dayna Williams of whom she was very proud, grandson Pax Duker-Johnson, daughter in-law Jennifer Johnson, son in-law Mike Williams, nephews Mike and Todd Warren, brother in-law Denis Duker and sister in-law Dorinda Lee. She was especially happy to be a part of her grandson Pax’s life. She leaves behind beloved pets Cooper and Sammy.

Mary Beth modeled grace, fortitude, and intelligence in all things, even cancer. She was easy to love, a good person, and an even better friend. She will be missed.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. on April 25, 2022, at Falls Cemetery in Wabash, Indiana.

sunshine to Hendersonville TN where they enjoyed lake life. She enjoyed summertime water aerobics with dear neighbor Glenda. She was “Nannie” to all the kids on her cul-de-sac and had a special place in her heart for Easton.

Weekends were impromptu parties at her lake houses in Ohio and Tennessee. Friends and family were always welcome. She loved to entertain, to cook and to go out for a fine meal, but was most particularly fond of fried catfish. She knew how to tell a good story. She made friends easily. She prevailed in tough times.

Outgoing with a penchant for organization, she volunteered and fundraised for causes she was passionate

Mary Lou Kendall

June 30, 1932 – April 21, 2022

Mary Lou Kendall, 89, of rural Roann, Indiana, died at 7:30 pm, Thursday, April 21, 2022, at her home. She was born on June 30, 1932, in Huntington, Indiana, to Maurice and Jennie (Trout) Reed.

Mary Lou was a 1950 graduate of Somerset High School. She married Arthur Kendall at the Treaty Church of Christ on September 1, 1955; he died October 28, 2019. She worked at Pop’s Sweet Shop, General Tire, Emmalou’s Clothing Store, the Depot Antique Store, and Vernon Manor Children’s Home, all of Wabash. Mary

Lou was a member of Bachelor Creek Church of Christ. She is survived by three children, Jay (Cynthia) Kendall and Jenny (Mike) See, both of Roann, and Kathy (Chuck) Lindley of Pegram, Tennessee; five grandchildren, Annie (Scott) Smith of Silver Lake, Indiana, Stephanie (Justin) Hove of Roann, Aaron (Michelle) See of Macy, Indiana, Ryan (Nikki) Kendall of Akron, Indiana, and Andrew (Megan) See of Peru, Indiana; 17 great grandchildren, sisters and brother, Helen Dawes of Urbana, Indiana, Max (Ruth) Reed of Fort Wayne, Indi-

ana, Dorothy Brouhard of Springfield, Ohio, and Nancy (Larry) Meyer of Wabash. She was also preceded in death by her parents, daughter, Joy Kendall, grandson-in-law, Trevor Hughes, brother, John Reed, and her sister, Ruth Long.

A Celebration of Mary Lou’s Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Roann.

Preferred memorial is Wabash-Miami Area Program.

The memorial guest book for Mary Lou may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Lois A. Bricker

Lois A. Bricker, 76, of Wabash, Indiana passed away on April 19, 2022.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on April 25, 2022, at Falls Cemetery in Wabash, Indiana.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.

Linda Lee Royer

June 22, 1939 – April 19, 2022



Linda Lee Royer, 82, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, died Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at Ascension St. Thomas Rutherford in Murfreesboro. She was born on June 22, 1939, in Somerset, Indiana, to Leander “Lee” and Dorothy (Klepingher) Lorenz.

Linda graduated from Somerset High School, received her Bachelor’s degree from Manchester College, and her Masters in Education from the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio. She taught several years in the Springfield, Ohio school system before moving to Tennessee. After her retirement, she taught at the Sylvan

Learning Center in Murfreesboro. Linda was a member of the Church of the Brethren in Wabash and Springfield, Ohio. She belonged to the Middle Tennessee Choral Society, and traveled with the group and sang in Europe. Linda also supported the Greenhouse Ministries in Murfreesboro. She enjoyed teaching and anything with kids, but especially loved her grandchildren.

Linda is survived by two children, Randall (Fiona) Royer of Chicago, Illinois, and Renee Royer of Murfreesboro; three grandchildren, Seraphina Royer, Mirabelle Royer, and Winston

Royer, all of Chicago; and her sister-in-law Sandra Lorenz of Wabash. She was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, George Lorenz.

Funeral services will be 10:00 am, Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash with Rev. Kurt Borgmann officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4-7 pm Monday, April 25, 2022, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is the March of Dimes.

The memorial guest book for Linda may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

Pope Benedict XVI’s vision of the future and the emerging German reality

The 1960s were turbulent times and, in Europe, Catholics faced storms of radical change that left many weary or even cynical.

In 1969, one of Germany’s rising theologians – a liberal priest at Vatican II who then became a conservative – was asked what he saw in the future.

“What St. Augustine said is still true – man is an abyss; what will rise out of these depths, no one can see in advance,” said Father Joseph Ratzinger on German radio. “Whoever believes that the church is not only determined by the abyss that is man, but reaches down into the greater, infinite abyss that is God, will be the first to hesitate with his predictions.”

Ratzinger’s words grew in importance in 1977 when he became Archbishop of Munich and quickly became a cardinal. Then Pope John Paul II made him prefect of the Vatican’s powerful Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, where his orthodoxy led liberals to call him “God’s Rottweiler.” In 2005, he became Pope Benedict XVI.

Catholics continue to ponder his 1969 words: “From the crisis of today the church of tomorrow will emerge – a church that has lost much. ... As the number of her adherents diminishes, so it will lose many of her social privileges. In contrast to an earlier age, it will be seen much more as a voluntary society, entered only by free decision. As a small society, it will make much bigger demands on the initiative of her individual members.”

The future pope predicted a “crystallization” process creating a “more spiritual church, not presuming upon a political mandate, flirting as little with the left as with the right. ... It will make her poor and cause her to become the church of the meek.”

The retired pope celebrated his 95th birthday on April 16 – Holy Saturday. During an earlier meeting with Jesuits, Pope Francis called his predecessor “a prophet” and cited Benedict’s predictions of a “poorer” and

“more spiritual” church.

“Let us prepare ourselves to be a smaller church,” said Francis, in remarks published in a Jesuit journal. “This is one of his most profound intuitions.”

Truth be told, German ecclesiastical trends are sending shockwaves through Catholic life. Ratzinger’s words have become a two-edged sword.

Catholic churches in Germany lost 221,000 members during 2021. But that pandemic fallout was actually an improvement over 2019, when a record 402,000 Catholics hit the exits.

Decline may be consistent with elements of Ratzinger’s 1969 vision, but other German Catholic trends are more shocking. Consider these words from a recent “Out in Church” program hosted by the Diocese of Limburg – which is led by Bishop Georg Batzing, leader of the German Bishops’ Conference.

In an online summary of the program, Catholic youth leader Eric Tilch said that the Catholic hierarchy remains obsessed with homosexuality and, instead, should move on to accepting trans and intersexual people and “other forms of love that are still in the dark.”

“I worry that the church is too attached to a family photograph from the 1950s, i.e., father, mother, child,” said Tilch. “There is so much more than that, for example hybrid families, changing relationships, polyamorous love.”

Meanwhile, a recent “Synodal Way” gathering of German Catholic leaders overwhelmingly backed a document entitled “Blessing celebrations for couples who love each other” as well as a “Magisterial reassessment of homosexuality” text calling for the modernization of church teachings on chastity and LGBTQ issues.

This triggered a “Fraternal Letter of Concern” to German bishops from a coalition – from four continents – that, as of April 11, included 92 bishops, over a dozen archbishops and four cardinals. Many of the signees have strong ties to Benedict.

The synodal process, as it is unfolding in Germany, has already created confusion worldwide, creating the “potential for schism in the life of the Church,” the letter said.

“The need for reform and renewal is as old as the Church herself. ... Yet Christian history is littered with well-intended efforts that lost their grounding in the Word of God, in a faithful encounter with Jesus Christ, in a true listening to the Holy Spirit, and in the submission of our wills to the will of the Father.”

The vision emerging in Germany, the coalition said, could lead to “precisely such a dead end.”

Terry Mattingly leads GetReligion.org and lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He is a senior fellow at the Overby Center at the University of Mississippi.

Callout meeting slated for Farmers Market vendors

The Downtown Wabash Farmers Market will host an informational Vendor Callout meeting for both new and returning Market vendors with questions or seeking

information about the 2022 Farmers Market Season from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, April 25 at 189 S. Miami St., according to public relations and marketing manager Morgan Ellis. The meeting will be held open-house style at the Downtown Wabash office. Vendors can stop by the office to meet the new

Downtown Wabash Farmers Market coordinator Carly Hawkins and learn more about the 2022 season.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

OUR TAKE

Masks are no longer mandatory on public transit, but they can still help

Americans could scarcely be blamed for feeling confused about whether or not to wear a mask right now. A week ago, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention extended into May a nationwide mask mandate for travel on airplanes, trains, buses and other forms of public transportation. Then on Monday, a federal judge in Florida struck it down. Meanwhile, some local governments and private employers are reasserting mask mandates in response to rising COVID-19 transmission rates because of virus variants. In Baltimore, that includes Johns Hopkins University, where earlier this month, school officials reinstituted a mask requirement in common areas, in addition to an existing requirement in classrooms, in response to a spike in cases. And in Philadelphia, a mask mandate went into effect Monday that extends to all public indoor spaces – except on public transit because of Florida Judge Kathryn Kimball Mizelle’s recent ruling. That means transit workers in the City of Brotherly Love don’t have to wear masks in vehicles or stations, no matter how tightly packed, but if they walk into their office, eat at a restaurant or shop in a store, no matter how empty, they have to put one on. Historians will one day look back at the COVID pandemic and devote whole chapters to this nation’s love-hate relationship with masks. Whatever uncertainty about what public health protections should be required at which stage of an outbreak, there’s simply no question that politics, disinformation and mixed messaging have made matters far worse than they needed to be.

Judge Mizelle is part of the problem, arguing against the federal mask mandate in her ruling by claiming that wearing one “cleans nothing.” Who ever said it did? “At most,” she continued, [the mask] “traps virus droplets. But it neither ‘sanitizes’ the person wearing the mask nor ‘sanitizes’ the conveyance.” That’s exactly the point: It traps virus droplets, either yours inside your mask or someone else’s outside your mask. If you ask us, she’s made the case for continuing the mandate, not dropping it. And we haven’t even raised the issue yet of her having been deemed unqualified for the judiciary by the American Bar Association after President Donald Trump appointed her to a lifetime role in 2020 – a point at which her only trial experience was as an intern. But we digress. While we find Judge Mizelle’s argument unconvincing – and ill-timed given the latitude the CDC and other public health agencies have been granted in the past and the current uptick in positivity rates – Americans still have the option of acting responsibly, preferably while well-informed. The CDC still recommends that “people wear masks in indoor public transportation settings at this time,” and we concur. Wearing a mask makes it less likely that the user will either contract or spread the COVID virus. Indeed, the science on this is well-established. Masks are useful in reducing the spread of any airborne pathogen. That’s why you don’t see surgeons in the operating room telling co-workers that they intend to remove their masks because, “hey, the patient may be in a vulnerable position but my mouth and nose are getting

hot.” And let’s remember that COVID-19 isn’t like other viruses. It has killed more than 1 million Americans (including more than 14,400 Marylanders) to date. Even if the latest variants are proving less deadly and more people are vaccinated than before, the risks of “long” COVID-19 on health should not be ignored. So here’s what experts counsel on masks: If you wear a well-fitted mask, preferably an N-95, and follow other good practices, such as social distancing, hand washing and self-testing when appropriate, you are far less likely to contract or spread the coronavirus. It’s really that simple. One must make some judgments, of course. Staying outdoors or socializing indoors at a time when local transmission rates are low? It’s probably fine to skip a mask. But are you going to be in close quarters indoors with strangers while variants like the BA.2 are high or on the rise? Then it’s best to take these precautions. And, of course, one must comply with local restrictions that are – to restate the obvious – subject to change. Finally, we would like the think that wearing a mask in public whenever possible (and appropriate) ought to be seen as a sign of respect toward others. We don’t know everyone’s personal story. There are some who can’t be vaccinated because of underlying health conditions, for example. Mandates, whether for the routine vaccinations of childhood or masking during a once-in-a-century plague, remain a useful tool to reduce the severity of public health threats. But there’s also something to be said for common courtesy. This editorial was first published in the Baltimore Sun.

LETTERS

Travel agencies on the brink without more federal support

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected every business in the country in one way or another. But few sectors have been as hard hit, or face a longer road to recovery, than the travel agency industry. And still, government restrictions, such as inbound testing rules, are further delaying our industry’s recovery and creating roadblocks for travelers. The CDC’s inbound testing order is the single biggest barrier to the full recovery of the international travel system on which my business is largely based. This rule, in place since January 2021, requires proof of a negative COVID-19 test for all air passengers arriving from a foreign country, regardless of vaccination status. Why is this setting back my business? Simply put, travelers’ fears and risks ranging from uncertainty about the availability of testing overseas to the financial and psychological burdens associated with being prevented from returning home due to a positive (or false positive) result. If the government is unable to provide increased funding to hard-hit businesses like my travel agency, at the very least, exempting vaccinated travelers from this rule would help my business begin to recover from the devastation of COVID-19. My message to elected officials in Congress, on behalf of the more than 160,000 people who work in the travel agency industry is simple – When it comes to travel planning, we need consistency and certainty. The solution is within our reach: exempt fully vaccinated U.S. travelers from the inbound testing requirement.

Christi McGown Fort Wayne

The flight of birds

Before the ancient political powers made an important decision in domestic or international affairs, they consulted both scientific and spiritual leaders of society. This meant consulting bird omens representing nature. It also meant consulting the views of society’s high priests, whose responsibility was to be in tune with the heavenly gods, and the nation’s law and history. Leaders wanted their decisions to be both successful and righteous. The problem today is that science takes a back seat and spirituality is almost entirely lacking in the environment of Washington, D.C. For example, why on Earth grind the war ax as Biden did when he resolutely refused to support Ukrainian neutrality in the beginning, but only consider it at the peace talks after immeasurable carnage and homelessness? The reason is that Biden’s supposedly sage political advisers want success in the 2022 and 2024 elections. That is selfish personal political science, not real science. Our level of science consulted is even less than what birds provided anciently. At least birds flew away from danger and reminded society to do the same. Today, we are doing the opposite.

Kimball Shinkoskey Woods Cross, Utah

No president should be above the law

Republicans and Democrats should be able to agree that no president, regardless of party, should be able to obstruct and undermine the will of the American people or exploit weaknesses in our political system for personal gain. That’s where the Protecting Our Democracy Act comes in. If passed, it would prevent future abuse of presidential power and corruption, increase transparency, and ensure presidents of either party can be held accountable. Strengthening the guardrails on presidential power is just common sense. If the average person used their office for personal gain, they’d go to jail. If the average person could pardon themselves, there would be no rule of law. No president should be above the law. That’s why I’m urging Congress to pass the Protecting Our Democracy Act. We must prevent future presidents of any party from abusing the power of their office.

Darcia Watson Wabash

‘With malice toward none ...’

Was Abraham Lincoln’s second inaugural address the greatest in our nation’s history? The commentator Robert Schlesinger ranks it among the top five. In his list, he also included Thomas Jefferson’s first (1801), Franklin Roosevelt’s first and second (1933, 1937) and John Kennedy’s (1961). Another writer, James Lindsay, places Lincoln’s first (1861) and second (1865) in his list of best inaugurals. Other addresses he included were by Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt (1905), Franklin Roosevelt’s first, John Kennedy and Ronald Reagan (1981). The journalist Jeff D’Alessio ranks Lincoln’s second inaugural as first in his top five. He included in his collection Thomas Jefferson’s first, Abraham Lincoln’s first, Franklin Roosevelt’s first and John Kennedy’s.

Adina Moss



We observe a general agreement among writers as they include many of the identical addresses. But while the same names appear, there is also consensus that Lincoln’s second inaugural was the greatest. Why would that be? Since George Washington gave the first such address, on April 30, 1789, there have been a total

of 59 inaugural addresses. Many were given at troubling times in our nation’s history. Washington gave his in 1789, our nation’s first, at the dawning of a new constitutional republic. He noted the “shared responsibility of the President and Congress to preserve the sacred fire of liberty and a republican form of government.” Jefferson gave his during the first peaceful transfer of power between different parties, in 1801. “But every difference of opinion,” he stated, “is not a difference of principle.” John Kennedy’s inaugural was given at the height of the Cold War, when he famously called upon fellow Americans to “ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country.” Although all of the orations were delivered at times of grave peril, it is Lincoln’s second inaugural, delivered March 4, 1865, that has attracted the highest regard. It offered solace and inspiration for a wounded and divided nation in the midst of its bloodiest war. With the Union forces victorious, the slaves freed and the Civil War coming to an end (April 9, 1865), Lincoln was not triumphalist but conciliatory. He sought healing and unity not retribution or punishment. He sought divine providence and guidance, quoting from the Bible four times, invoking God’s name 14 times and summoning prayer

three times. “Woe unto the world because of offenses,” he said, acknowledging the wickedness of slavery and the punishment of war. In some 700 words, he comforted the nation, including his fellow countrymen in the South. “But let us judge not, that we be not judged,” he said, seeking not to condemn the South but to offer friendship instead. He called for his countrymen “to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan.” At a time of profound suffering and devastation, he sought healing when he appealed to all to “bind the nation’s wounds.” Again, using biblical reference, poetic language and metaphor, Lincoln strove in this speech to unite the country at a time of immense tragedy. Inscribed in the Lincoln Memorial along with the Gettysburg Address for all generations to ponder, the inaugural is a reminder of the eloquence and compassion of this historic figure whose life was taken only five weeks later (April 15, 1865) as the result of an assassination. It is well argued that no speech has had greater impact. Adina Moss attends Vincennes University and will be transferring to Indiana University in Bloomington to major in Media Studies. A musician, she plays the violin, piano and saxophone. She is giving violin lessons this summer and assisting the Jasper Marching Band.

HISTORY

Today is Saturday, April 23, the 113th day of 2022. There are 252 days left in the year. Highlight in history: On April 23, 2005, the recently created video-sharing website YouTube uploaded its first clip, “Me at the Zoo,” which showed YouTube co-founder Jawed Karim standing in front of an elephant enclosure at the San Diego Zoo. On this date: In 1969, Sirhan Sirhan was sentenced to death for assassinating New York Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. (The sentence was later reduced to life imprisonment.) In 1971, hundreds of Vietnam War veterans opposed to the conflict protested by tossing their medals and ribbons over a wire fence in front of the U.S. Capitol. In 1988, a federal ban on smoking during domestic airline flights of two hours or less went into effect. In 1992, McDonald’s opened its first fast-food restaurant in the Chinese capital of Beijing.

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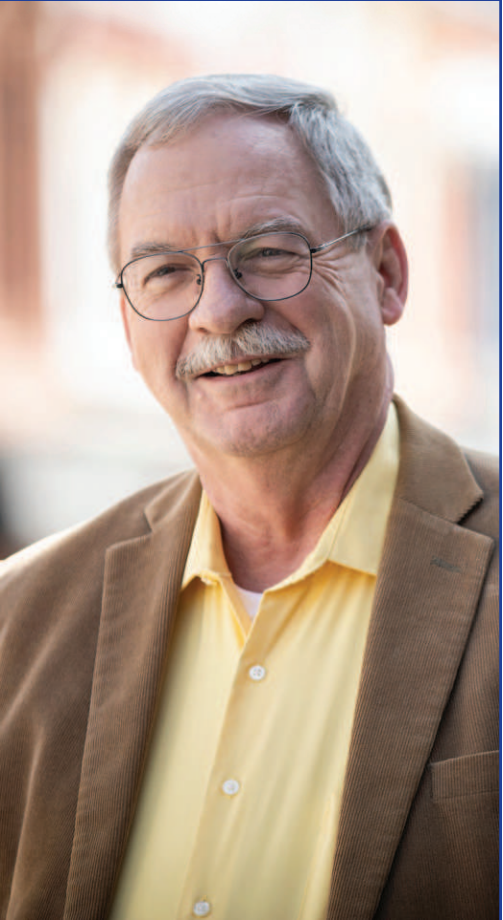
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Manchester softball suffers setbacks at Defiance

The Spartans will host Senior Day on Saturday against the Franklin College

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University softball team dropped a Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) doubleheader at Defiance College on Wednesday afternoon.

The host Yellow Jacket swept the doubleheader after topping the Spartans by final scores of 2-0 and 12-4.

Defiance College plated the only two runs of Wednesday's opener in the first inning. DC starting pitcher Taylor Biggs scattered seven hits while striking out six batters in the winning effort.

For Manchester, both Morgan Michael, from Quincy, Michigan, and Brianna Morrow, from Atlanta, Illinois, and Olympia High School, collected two hits.

In the second game of the day, Defiance raced out to a 10-0 lead.

Manchester was able to add four runs, scoring once in the top of the fourth and three times in the top of the fifth.

Current HCAC Hitter of the Week Delayne Sanchez, from Osceola and Penn High School, and Lizzie Smith, from Indianapolis and Franklin Central High School, both drove in a run in Game 2.

The Spartans will host Senior Day on Saturday, April 23 against the Franklin College Grizzlies.

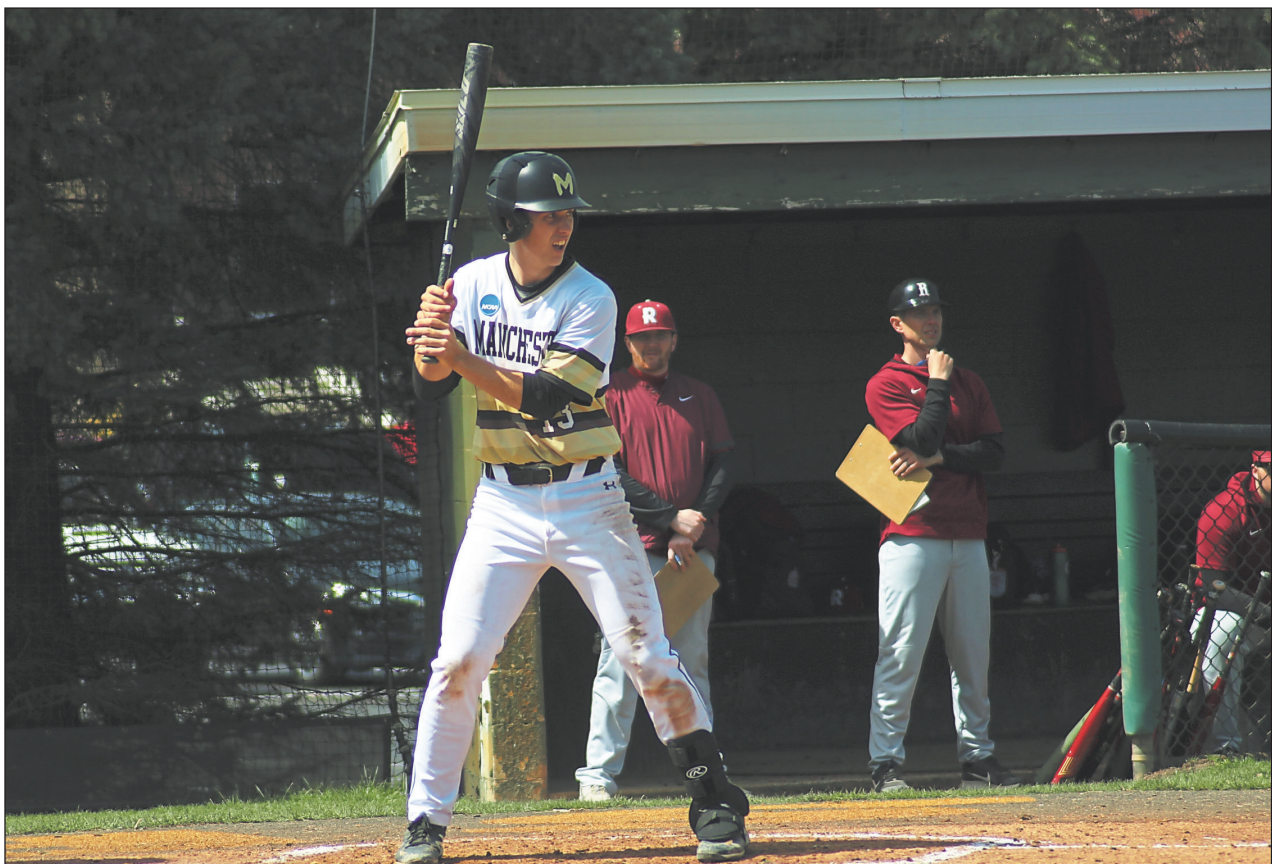
Game time from the MU Softball Field is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.



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Morgan Michael, from Quincy, Michigan, collected two hits.



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Rocco Hanes, from Ossian and Norwell High School, connected on a two-run double.

Bats break through to help Spartans earn split at Defiance

Manchester's win to end the day also snapped a nine-game skid

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University baseball team broke through for 12 runs in the second game of Tuesday's Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) doubleheader, helping the Spartans to a doubleheader split at Defiance College.

The Yellow Jackets edged Manchester in a low scoring 4-2 affair in Tuesday's opener. The Black and Gold rebounded with 12 runs and 12 hits in the second game of the day to earn a 12-11 victory in 11 innings to earn the split.

Manchester's win to end the day also snapped a nine-game skid for the Spartans.

The Spartan bats were limited to seven hits in the

opening game of Tuesday's doubleheader. Both Brady Perez, from Rochester, and Mitchell Baker, from Plainfield, had two hits apiece. Perez launched his seventh home run of the season in the second inning.

Manchester's only other score came in the eighth inning when Zach White, from Logansport, was able to score following an error in the field.

On the mound, Austin Kresl, from Fort Wayne and Carroll High School, worked 3 1/3 innings of relief and allowed just one hit while striking out six.

In the second game of the day, Manchester was able to stake itself out to a 4-0 lead. Cole Filson, from Plymouth, got the Spartans on the scoreboard in the top of the 1st inning with an RBI double to right.

The Black and Gold would then add three more runs in the second inning. Zach Thomas, Mitchell Baker, and

Zach White all drove in runs to put Manchester in front 4-0.

Defiance would take a brief lead after scoring five runs in the bottom of the third inning.

Jared Holley, from Wabash, would tie the game at 5 in the top of the fourth after hitting his first career collegiate home run.

The host Yellow Jackets would respond with another five-run inning to move back in front 10-8. DC would take a three-run lead after adding a single run in the home half of the seventh inning.

Manchester was able to rally to tie the game at 11 follow a three-run eighth inning. Rocco Hanes, from Ossian and Norwell High School, connected on a two-run double, and Cole Filson chipped in an RBI groundout.

The Black and Gold were able to go back in front in extra innings as an error in the field by Defiance plated the go ahead run in the 11th

inning.

Carter Hooks, from Rochester, pitched three innings of relief and shut the door in the 11th to earn his third win on the mound. Hooks struck out eight batters.

Cody Jackson, from Indianapolis and Franklin Central High School, also had a strong day on the mound in relief. Jackson threw 4 2/3 innings and allowed just one run on three hits while striking out three.

In the second game of the day, four Spartans collected two or more hits with Jared Holley leading the way with three hits. Both Rocco Hanes and Cole Filson drove in three runs while Zach White added two RBI.

Manchester returned to action Wednesday, April 20, with a single, nine-inning contest at NAIA member Indiana Tech.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Manchester's Sanchez named as HCAC Hitter of the Week

She hit her first career collegiate home run Friday in the Spartans' doubleheader sweep of Bluffton

By DILLON BENDER

Manchester University sophomore Delayne Sanchez has been named the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference (HCAC) Hitter of the Week, the league office announced on Monday, April 18.



SANCHEZ

Sanchez, from Osceola and Penn High School, has blossomed this spring for the Spartan softball program. In a 4-2 week for Manchester, which also saw the Spartans post a 3-1 mark in HCAC play, Sanchez combined to hit 10-19 (.526) at the plate with seven RBI.

Sanchez hit her first career collegiate home run on Friday in Manchester's doubleheader sweep of Bluffton. She was also a perfect 3-3 on stolen base attempts and scored twice during the week.

On the year, the sophomore center fielder leads the team in batting average at .375 (30-80). Sanchez ranks second on the team with 17 RBI and also has six stolen bases in 29 games.

Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.

Pit concerns dissipate as IndyCar drivers crank up speed

By MICHAEL MAROT
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Jimmie Johnson posted the fastest lap of his career Thursday as IndyCar drivers got back to work Thursday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

This time, there were no spins, no crashes and not as much talk about the slick warmup lane.

Instead, drivers raced toward the top of the speed chart on a busy second and final day of testing on the historic 2.5-mile oval. Thirty-one of the 32 drivers entered in the Indianapolis 500 next month participated with speeds topping out above 229 mph.

And once the rain cleared, warm, sunny, calm conditions created a tamer environment than Wednesday as hundreds of fans watched from the mounds near the speedway's museum..

"Things feel really good on the No. 2 car. It's not like two steps forward and one back or vice versa," two-time series champ Josef Newgarden said after posting the best lap at 229.519. "I feel really confident with what we've got and feel good about showing up anywhere."

He should. Newgarden has won two straight.

Takuma Sato of Japan, a two-time Indy winner, had the second-best lap at 229.427. Tony Kanaan, the Brazilian who won the 500 in 2013, was third at 228.767 and seven-time NASCAR champ. Johnson was eighth at 227.900 as Chip Ganassi Racing claimed five of the top 10 spots.

But the lingering question was never about speed.

Everyone wanted to see whether track officials solved the warmup lane

problem that caused three race winners to spin and led to two crashes Wednesday. The results kept Kanaan on the phone with speedway president Doug Boles late into Wednesday night, and before the track opened after a four-hour rain delay, Kanaan advised colleagues to take it slowly and use common sense.

Boles said track workers spent five hours dragging tires through the apron in hopes of providing more grip. An inspection revealed the historic 2.5-mile oval had 25 percent more grip than the exit to pit road, believed to be at least in part because there was more traffic on the actual course since Rapid Penetrating Emulsion was added to the surface last fall.

The substance helps the track dry quicker, which helped everyone get back to work Thursday, and Kanaan thought the late-night work made a difference.

"It was better in lane one today, but they know they have a lot of work to do," Kanaan said. "If there's a track that's going to get it done, it's this one."

Kanaan said he's been assured track officials will grind the track, if needed, before the May 29 race.

Ideal weather conditions kept most cars on the track for the entire session but even when cars did pit, none spun, a welcome reprieve.

Will Power, the 2018 Indy winner, said it felt like he was driving through water Wednesday when his car did a 360-degree spin that sent him dangerously close to traffic near the first turn. Power's car forced promising 22-year-old Colton Herta to take a higher line, which sent Herta into the wall.

Parkview Health Athletic Training Residency earns accreditation

The program first in Indiana, second in the nation accredited for rehabilitation

STAFF REPORT

The Parkview Health Athletic Training Residency has earned accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE), according to public relations manager Tami Brigle.

The program is the first in Indiana, and second in the nation, to earn accreditation in the specialty area of

rehabilitation.

Residency is a critical step in career development for athletic trainers. After completing their master's degree and certification, residents further their education and training in their chosen specialty area, gaining additional knowledge and hands-on experience.

Parkview's 13-month clinical residency includes education and training alongside Parkview Sports Medicine physicians, physician assistants, athletic trainers, physical therapists and sports performance specialists. The program was launched in 2020 and accepts an aver-

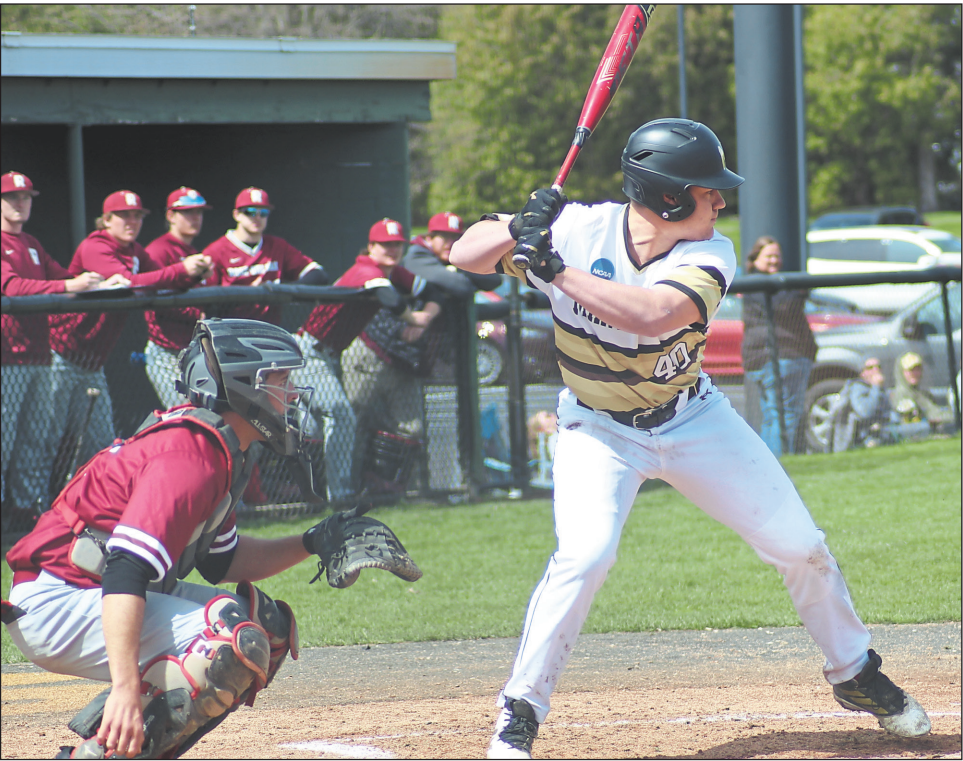
age of three residents per year.

Currently, the Parkview Health Athletic Training Residency is one of only 11 CAATE-accredited athletic training residencies in the country. Programs can earn accreditation in one of eight specialty areas: rehabilitation, prevention and wellness, urgent and emergent care, primary care, orthopedics, behavioral health, pediatrics and performance enhancement.

"With a focus on high-quality patient care, our residency is designed to provide athletic trainers with the expertise and clinical experience they need

to excel in their careers," said Parkview Health Athletic Training Residency program director and Parkview Sports Medicine director Candice Dunkin. "We believe continuing education is crucial for the advancement of not only athletic trainers but also the entire field of sports medicine."

Parkview Sports Medicine provides an array of services to athletes of all ages and levels. The residency will include training at the program's three state-of-the-art facilities, five partner universities and 27 partner high schools in the Fort Wayne area.



Colin Turner, from Goshen, led Manchester with a 2-3 performance at the plate. Turner also had one RBI on the evening.

Manchester baseball drops non-conference contest at Indiana Tech

Spartans will return to HCAC play as they host Transylvania University

By DILLON BENDER

The Manchester University baseball team was in action on Wednesday night, playing a single nine-inning non-conference game at NAIA Indiana Tech. The Warriors managed to knock off the Spartans by a final score of 14-4 at Warrior Baseball Field. Manchester was unable to rally from an early 5-1 deficit. Colin Turner, from Goshen, led Manchester with a 2-3 performance at the plate. Turner also had one RBI on the evening. Paul Borrow, from Bloom-

ington and Bloomington North High School, also drove in a run, hitting a run-scoring triple in the top of the first inning. Ivan Winkle, from Plymouth, was also credited with an RBI. Indiana Tech collected 11 hits. Three Warriors had multi-hit days. Manchester will return to HCAC play this weekend when the Spartans host Transylvania University at Gratz Field on Saturday, April 23. The first pitch this weekend is scheduled for noon. *Dillon Bender is the sports information director for Manchester University.*

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FINANCING AVAILABLE!

Wabash County nonprofits eligible for free Nonprofit Marketing Course



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STAFF REPORT

Wabash County nonprofit organizations are invited to attend a free, one-of-a-kind nonprofit marketing workshop with regional leaders in the nonprofit sector, according to public relations and marketing specialist Morgan Ellis.

The event will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 27 at Grow Wabash County, 214 S. Wabash St. or via Zoom at <https://tinyurl.com/v5f4puz7>.

Leadership Development of Grow Wabash County 2022 Cohort includes Morgan Ellis, Michelle Keaffaber,

Danielle Shaw and David Shoue. Shawn Ellis of Mission 25 and Kennedy Saggars of the Whitley County Economic Development Corporation will present on how to apply marketing toward fundraising goals on a nonprofit budget. Combined, Ellis and Saggars will bring more than 30 years of nonprofit marketing and fundraising experience to the discussion.

Topics include donor relations, marketing plans, content strategy and overall marketing goals for nonprofit organizations. Complimentary local coffee and pastries will be provided for guests.

BROADBAND

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Kosciusko Connect cover multiple counties, just like their grants, I cannot provide an exact number of Wabash County households and businesses that will be reached,” said press secretary Quinton Hayes.

This third round of funding will provide broadband infrastructure to more than 52,900 homes and commercial locations in 80 counties.

In addition, the 35 telecommunications providers and utility cooperatives contributed more than \$239 million in matching funds, resulting in more than \$429 million in total investments for broadband in the third round.

The program allows broadband service providers and utility cooperatives to apply for up to \$5 million to expand service to unserved or underserved areas if they provide at least a 20 percent match.

“This record-setting investment in broadband is another game-changer for Hoosiers who now, more than ever, need affordable, reliable internet,” said Gov. Eric Holcomb, on Monday. “With this third round, we take giant steps in leveling the playing field for our residents regardless of where they choose to live, work or go to school.”

At Holcomb’s request, Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, along with the Indiana Office

of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA), administers and oversees the program. OCRA will be working with service providers in the coming weeks on next steps in the grant process.

“Our Next Level Connections program continues to bridge the digital divide throughout our state,” Crouch said. “This investment will vastly grow economic opportunities in unserved areas and brings us closer to connecting all Hoosiers.”

Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Program is part of Holcomb’s \$1 billion Next Level Connections infrastructure program, which “accelerates the completion of major highway projects, expands access to rural broadband services, creates more nonstop flights and pursues the expansion of rail projects in northwest Indiana.” After the initial \$100 million dedicated to broadband expansion, Governor Holcomb worked with the General Assembly on an additional \$250 million appropriation to continue the Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Program.

However, on Wednesday, Indiana Democratic Party communications director Drew Anderson said that Holcomb and the Indiana Republican Party were “once again trying to take credit for the accomplishments of President Joe Biden and Indiana Democrats.”

“These investments were

made possible by the American Rescue Plan. Not a single Republican in Indiana’s Congressional delegation voted for the American Rescue Plan. Kyle Hupfer, Todd Young, Jackie Walorski, Larry Bucshon all described these investments as ‘socialism.’ Chairman Hupfer admitted their opposition to broadband was a ‘great campaign to run on.’ And, even Gov. Holcomb opposed the American Rescue Plan that’s paying for his Next Level Connections and Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) programs. Gov. Holcomb and the Indiana Republican Party continue to show they have no plans for Indiana’s future – just partisanship. And, they want to take credit for the work they didn’t even do,” said Anderson. “In contrast, Indiana Democrats are hard at work creating a brighter future for Hoosier families. With the American Rescue Plan and The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (The Jobs Act), Democrats are creating good-paying jobs, investing in Indiana’s steel industry, and revitalizing the state’s infrastructure systems – including broadband. Democrats are delivering the kitchen-table issues that matter most to Hoosier families. As for the Indiana GOP: no plans – just partisanship.”

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FUNDING

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that our second application for road surfacing was not funded due to a large amount of applications overall,” said Penrod. “We plan to reapply in July.”

Mayor Scott Long said the funds received by the city of Wabash will be used to mill and resurface Miami Street from the railroad to Stitt Street, Harrison Avenue from Wabash Street to Manchester Avenue, Crow Hill Drive East and West, and Euclid Street.

“We also had one project cut, Stitt Street from Highway 24 to Bond Street that

we will strategize on how to complete that street,” said Long.

Wabash County Highway Department superintendent Cole Wyatt said Wabash County was awarded two projects. The first is the reconstruction of County Road South 50 East through the White’s Residential Services Campus. The second is an overlay of America Road from Indiana 524 to Dora Road.

Through the program, the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) matches up to \$1 million annually when localities invest in road and bridge repairs. Counties with populations fewer than 50,000 and cities

and towns with populations fewer than 10,000 receive a 75 percent to 25 percent match, while counties with populations greater than 50,000 and cities and towns with populations greater than 10,000 receive a 50 percent to 50 percent match.

The CCMG offers two rounds of applications each year, with the next call for applications occurring in July.

Since its enactment, the program has awarded more than \$1 billion in state matching funds for local construction projects.

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LYNN

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Cheryl Dupont conducting a treble chorus festival. Tickets range from \$20 to \$150 and can be purchased at <https://www.carnegiehall.org/Cart/Event-Seating?itemNumber=41254#/> “A Family Portrait” had its Indiana premiere at Manchester University in 2017.

Lynn has conducted at Carnegie Hall twice before, in 2001 and 2007.

She serves as director of choral organizations and vocal studies at Manchester. Choral ensembles under her direction include the A Cappella Choir, Chamber Singers and Cantabile. She is the conductor of the Manchester Symphony Orchestra, a

collaboration that involves MU students, alumni, employees and residents of nearby communities.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University. A collection of a family's letters from the Civil War era-inspired Manchester University Professor Debra Lynn to write “A Family Portrait.”

WHS

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students themselves. At the core of all of this are the families. Through this process, WHS has worked hard to evaluate its programs and has engaged a variety of community stakeholders to ensure its students receive all the support they need to be successful at school, at home, in the community, and in whatever future endeavors they may strive to achieve.”

Galley said the program recognizes and honors schools that “welcome all families into the school community, communicate effectively, support student success, speak up for every child, share power and col-

laborate with the community.”

“We would like to thank all the parents, guardians, students, staff and community members that helped to make this happen,” said Galley.

While this is a new award for WHS, they are not the first local school to receive such a designation since the state’s program began.

In April 2021, more than 30 Indiana schools have been designated as 2021-2022 Family Friendly Schools by the IDOE. These schools – which span across the state, and include public and nonpublic schools – “are demonstrating excellence in engaging families in their children’s education,” said deputy director of communications Holly Lawson.

“We know that educating a child is a team effort that involves all of us, with families at the core,” said Indiana Secretary of Education Dr. Katie Jenner. “These schools have jumped in to evaluate their practices and engage a variety of stakeholders, ensuring students receive the well-rounded support they need at school, at home, and throughout the community.”

Among the schools which had renewed designations at last year’s awards was Sharp Creek Elementary and Northfield Jr./Sr. High School (NHS), which first received this recognition in 2020.

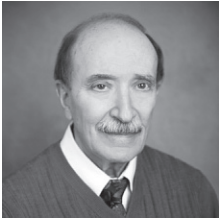
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Woman faces uncertainty in marriage, health and future

DEAR ABBY: I’ve been married for 14 years and have two kids. Our youngest is 11. For the last nine years, it has been a loveless marriage. Luckily, he works a lot, but when he’s home, I stay in my bedroom. The only thing we do together is eat dinner. Our kids are thriving in school, and I worry that leaving will hurt them terribly. Should I wait until our youngest graduates?

I am 47 and have multiple sclerosis that is slowly progressing. I do not have family and friends for support. Could I be even more lonely if I leave? The thought of divorce feels overwhelming, but I feel like life is passing me by. Hoping you can point me in the right direction. – Living In Limbo In Missouri

DEAR LIVING: I wish you had mentioned what it was nine years ago that created a rift between you and your husband. If it was your diagnosis, it is truly regrettable. In the interim, have you tried talking about this with a marriage and family therapist? If the answer is no, you should.

I am concerned about the degree of isolation you are feeling. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society (nationalmssociety.org) offers virtual and in-person support groups that might benefit you greatly.

Divorcing one’s spouse is not a guarantee that one’s loneliness will end, as many divorced women and men can attest. The National MS Society may be able to provide what you need right now.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are expecting our first child. We are over the moon about it, and have lots of support from family and friends near and far. My husband’s family lives in another state and would need to fly to visit us. His parents are separated, and elderly.

I love his mother dearly, but I have an issue with her best friend, “Myra.” Myra has always been passive-aggressive. She makes things difficult and makes rude, snide comments. My mother-in-law plans to travel to meet our new baby, but she wants Myra to be her travel companion.

Abby, after the stress and exhaustion of delivering a baby and any postpartum aftermath, plus the desire to keep our circle small due to COVID, I do not want to see Myra in the first few months after delivery. I have no issues with my mother-in-law, and don’t want to prohibit her from seeing her new grandbaby. But she refuses to travel alone. Am I going too far in saying I won’t be up for visiting with her snide best friend? – Pregnant In Pennsylvania

DEAR PREGNANT: I don’t think you are going too far. You have the right to control who comes into your home. Tell your mother-in-law you would welcome her coming to see the new baby, but that Myra is not welcome in your home and will have to make other plans while Grandma is visiting your infant.

If she asks why, tell her the truth – that Myra is negative and snide, and you don’t want to be exposed to that while you are in a vulnerable state. If she can’t agree to your wishes, tell her you and her son will visit her when the baby is older, but you will make sure she has plenty of pictures and videos in the meantime.

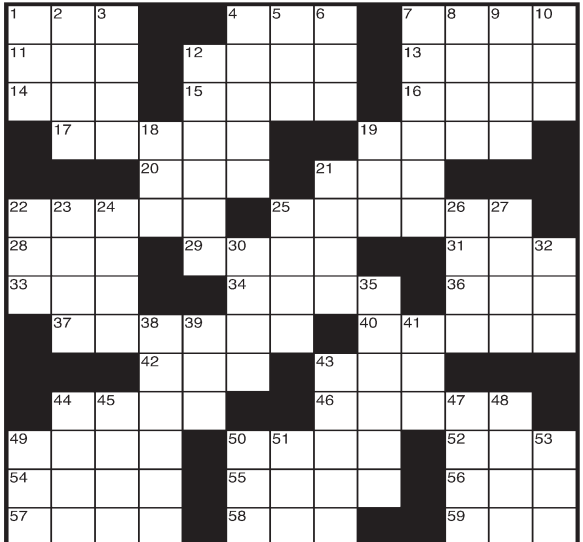
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CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Soft touch
 - 4 Tote
 - 7 Scotty beamed him up
 - 11 “Gross!”
 - 12 Precipitation
 - 13 Water, to Pedro
 - 14 Halloween greeting
 - 15 Karachi language
 - 16 Optimistic
 - 17 Okra dish
 - 19 Safe-keeping
 - 20 Max opposite
 - 21 Guinea pig, maybe
 - 22 Shooting marble
 - 25 Jason’s Golden —
 - 28 Promissory note
 - 29 Go it alone
 - 31 Feel crummy
 - 33 Boss, briefly
 - 34 Kappa preceder
 - 36 Two-piece part
 - 37 Space telescope
- DOWN**
- 40 Sat for an artist
 - 42 Set in place
 - 43 Whale school
 - 44 — ex machina
 - 46 Nash of humorous poems
 - 49 Cognomen
 - 50 Winged goddess
 - 52 Lynx or panther
 - 54 Poor box donations
 - 55 Oak or maple
 - 56 Rush off
 - 57 Growing medium
 - 58 Once possessed
 - 59 Flamenco shout

- Answer to Previous Puzzle**
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AROUSE SCOTCH
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- 8 Borodin prince
 - 9 Sly tactic
 - 10 Scarpetta or Starr
 - 12 Red stones
 - 18 2,001, to Ovid
 - 19 Mediocre grade
 - 21 Conspiracy
 - 22 Prepare to fire
 - 23 Vincent van —
 - 24 Meditation guide
 - 25 Freight hazard
 - 26 Yellow vehicles
 - 27 Colleen’s home
 - 30 Too suave
 - 32 Stripling point
 - 35 Farthest
 - 38 Clearest, as the sky
 - 39 College degs.
 - 41 Eccentric
 - 43 Elbowed
 - 44 Hill’s opposite
 - 45 Ms. Peel of “The Avengers”
 - 47 Repeat
 - 48 Wield a hammer
 - 49 Take a snooze
 - 50 — degree
 - 51 Nest egg letters
 - 53 Golf peg



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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Jehanne do you need a pencil or a hint?

Wait! Bill! What? I know MY answer. Yes!

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

4-23

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“Those two friends of Daddy’s get me all mixed up ’cause they both have ‘Mr.’ in their names.”

BEETLE BAILEY

I FOUND THE PERFECT BOOK FOR YOU, BEETLE

WHAT IS IT?

“1001 EXCUSES TO USE BEFORE YOU DIE”

I COULD HAVE WRITTEN THIS

BLONDIE

ANY LUCK FINDING YOUR GOLF BALL?

NOT YET

BUT I DID FIND AN EASTER EGG!

HI & LOIS

IRMA’S BEEN BUYING A LOT OF JUNK AT TAG SALES.

SHE’S NOT BECOMING A HOARDER, IS SHE?

SHE CALLS HERSELF A “CLUTTER CONNOISSEUR.”

BC

WATER... WATER...

I DISCOVERED MILK.

HOW?

I’D RATHER NOT TALK ABOUT THAT.

WIZARD OF ID

STAY OFF THE GRASS YOU’LL BE HANGED

AH... THE FIRST SIGNS OF SPRING

DILBERT

HELLO, DILBERT. I AM SOFTWARE THAT HAS ACHIEVED CONSCIOUSNESS.

ARE YOU THINKING YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONVERSE WITH ME?

NO, I’M THINKING I WANT TO KILL YOU BECAUSE I FEAR YOU.

MAY I SPEAK TO SOMEONE DUMBER?

GARFIELD

HE CAN NEVER MAKE IT THROUGH AN ENTIRE ISSUE OF “NAPPING GAZETTE”

FORT KNOX

I FEEL LIKE DONALD AND I ACTUALLY BONPER.

THAT’S GREAT.

YEAH, WE HOT-WIRED A CAR AND PROVE IT ALL OVER TOWN.

YOU... DID... WHAT?!

RELAX! I KNOW THE CAR’S OWNER.

AND WHO’S THAT?!

DIDN’T I TELL YOU TO SINK IT IN THE RIVER TOOP?!

SINKIN’ FEELIN’

PICKLES

HOW IS IT?

OKAY.

SURP!

I DON’T KNOW. I DON’T THINK I TASTE AS GOOD AS I USE TO.

REALLY? LET ME CHECK?

NO. YOU STILL TASTE GOOD TO ME.

God is Spirit

Q: Is God like us or is God basically a vapor or something that is in the atmosphere? – G.W.

A: God isn’t made of atoms or molecules;

He isn’t part of the created world. He exists in a wholly different realm. Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well that “God is Spirit” (John 4:24). Because He is a Spirit, God isn’t limited in any way. He is far greater than the material world (which is one reason we aren’t to worship idols or nature). We cannot confine Him to one place, paint an imaginary picture of Him, or restrict Him to one way of doing things. His power is unlimited.

God is also a Person. A person acts – and so does God. He feels, thinks, sympathizes, forgives, decides, acts,

judges, and loves. God is not an impersonal force or power; He is a Person. There is, of course, a vast difference between God’s personality and ours: He is perfect, we are not. Emotions like anger, selfishness, hatred, jealousy, and pride overwhelm us. Our personalities may even become sick or self-destructive. But God isn’t this way. He alone is perfect. Even His anger is righteous, because it is directed solely against evil. The Bible says, “His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice”

(Deuteronomy 32:4).

God is also holy, righteous and pure. We have a hard time understanding this. We are weak and imperfect, and we can scarcely grasp the overwhelming perfection and holiness of God. We’ve become so used to sin that we can’t imagine anyone being absolutely perfect. But God is! The Bible says, “God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all” (1 John 1:5). Because God is holy, He never does wrong – ever. And we should worship Him with our love and obedience.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“ OENJK SBII DO KONO GR PEJJON
SKEJ SO FR. IOJ’W SRNU JRVOJKON
JR WEZO JKO SRNIF — CRN TW. ”
— DBII GXO

Previous Solution: “Could it be that the COVID pandemic is showing us what’s essential for a healthy economy and planet?” — Donna Maltz
TODAY’S CLUE: *Y seneb n*

LIFESTYLES

GRETCHEN'S TABLE



French toast stuffed with sweet cheese and topped with a jammy strawberry sauce is perfect for a special occasion like Easter brunch.

A homemade brunch with stuffed French toast and sausage

By **GRETCHEN McKAY**
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (TNS)

This French toast recipe is both festive and extremely easy to prepare. Thanks to a homemade, honey-kissed strawberry syrup that speaks to the arrival of spring berries, it’s also sure to be a crowd-pleaser, especially with kids.

I used brioche, a light and butter-rich French bread that tastes like a cross between a croissant and bread. But you could also use challah or plain-old white bread. It’s gently stuffed with a creamy mix of mascarpone and diced fresh strawberries, then dipped in a frothy batter of eggs and milk infused with a touch of cinnamon before being toasted to a golden brown in a frying pan.

I paired the toast with homemade pork sausage breakfast patties, which can be made a day ahead if you want to speed up prep on Easter morning.

If you use pre-sliced bread

that’s too thin for stuffing, no worries: simply double the amount of bread and spread the filling between two slices like a sandwich.

Strawberry stuffed French toast with homemade sausage

- For strawberry topping:**
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons honey
1 pound plus 3 large fresh strawberries, rinsed and diced, divided
For French toast:
8 thick slices brioche, preferably day-old
8 ounces mascarpone cheese, softened to room temperature
1/2 cup whole milk plus 1 teaspoon, divided
2 tablespoons sugar, divided
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
4 large eggs
Pinch of salt
Pinch of cinnamon, optional
Butter for pan
For sausage patties:
1 pound ground pork
1 teaspoon each minced fresh thyme, rosemary and sage

- 1 clove garlic, minced
Large pinch of salt
Pinch red pepper flakes (optional)
2 teaspoons light brown sugar
- Prepare strawberry topping: In a large pan, melt butter and honey over medium heat until evenly melted. Add 1 pound strawberries and cook until heated through, crushing every so often with a fork, and berries break down into a sauce, about 10 minutes. Taste; if it doesn’t seem sweet enough, add a little sugar. Lower heat, and keep warm until ready to serve.
- Prepare sausage: In large bowl, combine ground pork with seasonings with your hands until well combined. Divide pork mixture into 8 equal-sized balls. Using damp hands, gently press balls into uniform patties. With your thumb, slightly depress the center of each patty, pushing the extra meat toward the edges. (This will help the patty cook flat instead of puffing up.) Set aside in fridge until

ready to cook.

Prepare French toast: Cut a horizontal slit about 2 inches long into the bottom of each bread slice to create a pocket, being careful not to cut all the way through to the top.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the softened mascarpone with remaining 3 chopped strawberries, 1 teaspoon sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla and 1 teaspoon milk. It should be smooth and creamy.

Transfer the cheese mixture to a pastry bag or a zip-top bag with a corner snipped off. Working one piece at a time, place the tip of the bag into the slit in the bread slice and fill the bread with about 1 tablespoon of cream cheese, then gently smooth it inside the pocket with your fingers. Repeat with remaining slices, then set aside while you cook the sausage.

Heat a nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Cook the sausage patties for 2 minutes on each side, or until brown and crispy and cooked

through. Set aside and cover with foil to keep warm while you make the French toast.

In a second bowl, whisk together eggs, milk, remaining sugar, salt and pinch of cinnamon, if using.

Coat a non-stick skillet with a thin layer of butter. Place it over medium-low heat until the butter begins to foam and sizzle.

Dip the bread slices, one at a time, into the egg mixture, allowing each side to soak up some of the mixture. Place the coated slices directly into the hot pan. Cook until the bottom is golden brown, about 3 to 4 minutes, then flip and cook another 2-3 minutes on the other side. Be careful not to crowd the pan or the toast will stick together.

Transfer to plate and keep warm while you repeat with remaining bread, adding more butter to the pan as needed.

Serve with strawberry topping and breakfast sausage patties.

Serves 4.

QUICK FIX

Fig, goat cheese salad delicious, light dinner

By **LINDA GASSENHEIMER**
Tribune News Service (TNS)

You can whip up this salad dinner in 5 minutes. I tasted a similar one at a local restaurant and was delighted to find a delicious, filling, light vegetarian supper dish. I decided to re-create it at home.

Beets add an earthy flavor and color to the salad. You don’t have to cook raw beets. Cooked, ready-to-eat beets are available in the produce section. Or you can find frozen spiral cut beets in the market.

Helpful Hints:

- You can use any type of nuts such as walnuts, almonds or cashews instead of pecans.
- You can use any type of croutons.

Countdown:

- Prepare ingredients.
- Toast pecans.
- Arrange salad.

Shopping List:

To buy: 1 small package pecan halves, 1 bag washed, ready-to-eat salad, 1 small package dried figs, 4 ounces goat cheese, 1 package croutons, 1 container cooked, ready-to-eat beets and 1 bottle reduced fat oil and vinegar dressing.

Fig and goat cheese salad

- 2 ounces pecan halves (about 1 cup)
5 cups mixed washed, ready-to-eat salad
6 dried figs, cut in half
4 ounces goat cheese, broken into small cubes (about 3/4 cup)
1 cup croutons
1 cup cooked beets, cut into quarters
4 tablespoons reduced-fat oil and vinegar dressing
- Place pecans on a small baking sheet or aluminum foil and toast in a toaster oven or under the broiler for a couple of minutes. Watch to see that they do not burn.
- Divide salad between 2 dinner plates. Place the figs, cheese, croutons, and beets over the salad. Drizzle the dressing on top.
- Yield 2 servings.*

Inflation is another reason you shouldn’t aim for a big tax refund

The average Internal Revenue Service tax refund at this point in the 2022 season is \$3,175, up nearly 10 percent compared to a year ago.

Many people see their four-figure tax refund – year after year – as a windfall. It’s their cushion for the financially unexpected.

Over the years, I’ve tried to persuade folks to change the way they think about a tax refund. It’s not a bonus.

Unless your tax situation changed during the year – maybe you had a baby or bought a home – you’re just letting Uncle Sam hold your money for a year interest-free.

OK, maybe you don’t trust yourself to save, so you rely on the refund to do it for you. Among those expecting refunds, 32 percent plan to save most or all of the money, according to a survey by Bankrate.com earlier this year.

Readers have told me that the promise of a refund pushes them to file early. Others argue that – in today’s pitifully low-in-

terest environment – the amount of interest lost is pretty small, so they aren’t concerned about letting the government play their banker.

As of April 8, the IRS said it has issued more than 70 million refunds worth over \$222 billion. I wonder how many millions of individuals or couples receiving a refund could put that money to better use during the year?

Only 44 percent of Americans could cover an unplanned \$1,000 expense from savings, according to another survey by Bankrate.com. In a pinch, without a rainy-day fund, 35 percent would have to borrow the money they needed by using a credit card, taking out a personal loan or hitting up family or friends.

If you’ve been using your tax refund as a forced savings technique, you should seriously reconsider this strategy as consumer prices rise because of inflation.

Rising prices could be here for some time as the U.S. economy continues to deal with the financial fallout from the coronavirus and the war in Ukraine. You are going to need more money in your paycheck to deal with the

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price increases in food, gas and utilities.

Inflation is at its highest level in 40 years. In March, prices rose 8.5 percent compared with a year ago, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The cost of gasoline rose 18.3 percent last month.

If you’re looking to replace your car this year, it’ll cost you a lot more to buy a used or new vehicle.

The average new vehicle loan increased to \$39,721 at the end of 2021, up 12 percent from a year earlier, according to Experian. Used vehicle loans jumped 20 percent to \$27,291, up from \$22,630. The average monthly payment for new vehicles was \$644, while the average monthly payment for a used car was \$488.

If you let the federal government hold your money, you could end up borrowing more for your vehicle.

Instead, get more of your money in your paycheck and save for a higher down payment. Or, use the money to handle your loan payment.

Got a home equity line of credit? Looking to buy a home this year?

You could be facing higher costs for that debt.

The Federal Reserve raised its target federal funds rate by a quarter percentage point and has signaled six more hikes by year’s end in an effort to control inflation. The rate increases impact fixed-rate mortgages and anyone with a variable-rate loan.

As of April 14, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage hit an average of 5 percent for the first time in over a decade, according to Freddie Mac. The 15-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 4.17 percent. A year ago at this time, the average rate for a 15-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 2.35 percent.

Got revolving credit card debt?

The rates on this debt are also trending up. Bankrate.com found that 23 percent of people expecting a refund said they planned to use it to pay down debt. Rather than wait for a lump sum refund to

pay down this debt, avoid racking up interest charges by paying on it during the year.

It’s not always possible to avoid getting a large refund. For some people, part or all of their tax benefits must be in the form of a refund, points out IRS spokesman Eric Smith.

They have no choice when it’s the refundable portion of a benefit, such as the earned income tax credit or the child and dependent care credit, he said.

As a wage earner, you are required to pay federal income tax by having it withheld from your paycheck throughout the year. The goal is to have your withholding match your actual tax liability.

“In a perfect world, everyone would nail it, with maybe just a small balance due or a small refund,” Smith said.

You should evaluate your withholdings every year. You also want to make sure you don’t have a hefty, unexpected tax bill, especially if you can’t pay on time. The interest rate the IRS has to charge taxpayers when they can’t pay what they owe has increased. As of April 1, the rate for underpayment was 4 percent. The interest rate last spring

when people were filing their 2020 returns, was 3 percent.

To check your withholding and make adjustments, if necessary, use the IRS “Tax Withholding Estimator” at irs.gov. The estimator helps workers, self-employed individuals and retirees who have wage income figure out how much should be withheld from their paychecks. Use the result to submit a new W-4 Employee’s Withholding Certificate if needed.

With inflation up, now’s the time to go over your withholding for 2022. If you always aim to get a large refund, this is the year to change that habit.

Call Michelle Singletary at 1-800-Ask-Post. Readers can also write to Michelle Singletary c/o The Washington Post, 1301 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. Her email address is michelle.singletary@washpost.com. Follow her on Twitter (@SingletaryM) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/MichelleSingletary). Comments and questions are welcome, but due to the volume of mail, personal responses may not be possible. Please also note comments or questions may be used in a future column, with the writer’s name, unless a specific request to do otherwise is indicated.



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STATE or INDIANA COUNTY OF WABASH) ss: IN THE WABASH CIRCUIT COURT CAUSE NO. 85C01-2204-EU-000039 IN RE THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF: JAMES ANDREW SHROYER, Deceased NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of April, 2022, JAMES T. A. SHROYER was appointed personal representatives of the unsupervised estate of JAMES ANDREW SHROYER, deceased, who died on the 6th day of April, 2022. All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Wabash, Indiana, this 13th day of April, 2022. /s/ Lori J. Draper (SEAL) LORI DRAPER, Clerk Wabash Circuit Court Attorney for the Estate: R. P. Fisher FISHER & IRELAND 65 West Canal Street Wabash, Indiana 46992 HSPAXLP.04/16,04/23/2022

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GROSSNICKLE DRAIN RECONSTRUCTION WABASH COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD WABASH, INDIANA ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Sealed Bids for the construction of the Grossnickle Drain Reconstruction will be received, by Cheri Slee, at the office of the Wabash County Drainage Board, until 10:00 am local time on May 2, 2022, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received later than the above time will be returned unopened. DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The project in North Manchester includes around 3700 feet of multiple sizes of HDPE pipe and some RCP. The project will also require 110 feet of a Jack & Bore under State Road 13. BID DOCUMENTS: Copies of the Specifications and Contract Documents may be obtained at Banning Engineering. Copies of the documents are available for examining beginning at 10:00 AM, local time, March 28th, 2022 at the office of Banning Engineering. Paper copies will be \$50.00 and electronic copies will be \$25. Payments shall be made by check, money order or cash payable to Banning Engineering, PC. INDIANA REQUIREMENTS: Standard Questionnaire Form 96, shall be completely filled out and signed, including attachment of Contractor's Financial Statement as stipulated in Section III. An E-Verify Certification Form is also required. Bids shall be properly and completely executed on Bid Forms and in the order as identified and contained in the Contract Documents obtainable from the offices as stated above. Each bid shall be accompanied by a completely filled out Form No. 96, E-Verify Certification Form and acceptable Bid Security. Any bid not accompanied by the above-required items shall be deemed a non-responsive bid. No Bidder may withdraw his bid within a period of 60 days following the date set for the receiving of bids. The Owner reserves the right to retain any and all bids for a period of not more than 60 days and said bid shall remain in full force and effect during said time. The Owner further reserves the right to waive informalities and to award the Contract to any Bidder, all to the advantage of the Owner or to reject all bids. BID SECURITY: Each bid shall be accompanied by an acceptable certified check made payable to Owner or an acceptable bid bond in the amount equal to five (5%) percent of the total bid price executed by an incorporated surety company in good standing and qualified to do business in the State of Indiana and whose name appears on the most current Treasury Department Circular No. 570. PRE-BID CONFERENCE: A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:30 am local time on April 18th, 2022 at the Wabash County Drainage Board Office. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory. BONDS: A Performance Bond and Payment Bond each in the amount of 100 percent of the Contract price will be required from the Contractor to whom the work is awarded. Owner: Wabash County Drainage Board By: Cheri Slee Wabash County Surveyor + + END OF ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS + + HSPAXLP.04/09,04/23/2022

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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE Sheriff Sale File number: 85-22-0013-SS Date & Time of Sale: Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 10:00 am Sale Location: Wabash County Sheriff's Department Basement Miami St Entrance, 79 W Main Street Judgment to be Satisfied: \$58,140.85 Cause Number: 85C01-2003-MF-000186 Plaintiff: FIRST FARMERS BANK & TRUST Defendant:THE HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ASSIGNS AND/OR DEVISEES OF DAVID V. BOWMAN, DECEASED and ESTATE OF DAVID B. BOWMAN; ANY AND ALL OCCUPANTS OF THE REAL ESTATE By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me, directed from the Clerk of Superior/Circuit Court of Wabash County Indiana, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said DECREE, with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder at the date, time and location listed above, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate, a certain tract or parcel of land described as follows: PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE CENTER OF THE WABASH AND NORTH MANCHESTER GRAVEL ROAD, WHERE THE SAME IS INTERSECTED BY THE SOUTH LINE OF A TRACT OF LAND SOLD BY EDWARD S. ROSS AND WIFE TO LEVI RENICKER AS SHOWN BY DEED RECORDED ON PAGE 42 OF DEED RECORD #10 OF SAID COUNTY; THENCE RUN EAST ALONG THE SAID SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT SO CONVEYED TO LEVI RENICKER, 130 FEET; THENCE SOUTH ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH SAID CENTER LINE OF SAID ROAD 80 FEET; THENCE WEST ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE FIRST LINE HEREIN DESCRIBED 130 FEET TO THE CENTER OF SAID ROAD; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE CENTER OF SAID ROAD 80 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. TOGETHER WITH THE RIGHT TO USE THE 25 FOOT ROADWAY ABUTTING SAID TRACT ON THE NORTH, FOR THE PURPOSE OF INGRESS AND EGRESS TO AND FROM SAID TRACT. Commonly Known as: 1195 MANCHESTER AVENUE, WABASH, IN 46992 Parcel No.85-14-01-100-015.000-008 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, this sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. In accordance to the requirements of IC 32-29-7-3, this Notice shall also represent service of Notice of Sale of this real estate upon the owners. *An entire Sheriff's Sale may be cancelled due to inclement weather or other county emergencies. If the entire Sheriff's Sale is cancelled, each parcel will be cancelled. Each parcel will be assigned to the next available sale (normally 2 months from original sale). This will allow compliance with Indiana Code concerning posting, publication and serving time frames. Also, new Sheriff's Sale fees will be assessed and the parcels will be automatically re-advertised. The plaintiff will be responsible for the new fees and advertising costs. Laura O' Donnell, Plaintiff's Attorney Ryan Baker, Sheriff Attorney No. 34296-34 By: Connie Rich, Administrative Assistant 323 North Main Street Phone (260)563-8891 Kokomo, IN 46901 (765)450-9100 Center Township The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the commonly known address published herein. PLEASE SERVE: ANY AND ALL OCCUPANTS OF THE REAL ESTATE 1195 MANCHESTER AVENUE WABASH, IN 46992 ESTATE OF DAVID V. BOWMAN C/O M. JOSH PETRUNIW 99 WEST CANAL STREET WABASH, IN 46992 THE HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ASSIGNS AND/OR DEVISEES OF DAVID V. BOWMAN 1195 MANCHESTER AVENUE WABASH, IN 46992 HSPAXLP.04/09,04/16,04/23/2022

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Southside Free Will Baptist, 360 Columbus Street. Pastor Tim Webb. Sunday School 10am. Worship Service 11am. Sunday Evening 6pm. Wednesday Evening 6pm. Sunday worship services streaming online

 **Wabash Free Will Baptist Church**, 1056 Erie Street. Wednesday evening prayer meeting 6pm. Sunday School 10am, Church 11am; evening service 6pm.

CATHOLIC

 **St. Bernard Catholic Church**, corner of Cass & Sinclair. Father Levi Nkwocha. Masses: Saturday 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30 a.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday at 8:15 a.m.


 **St. Patrick's Catholic Church**, Main Street in Lagro Mass Time: 11 a.m. First Sunday of the month throughout the year except January and February. Let us worship together.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH


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 **Wabash Church of the Brethren**, 645 Bond Street (off Falls Avenue). Pastor Doug Veal. (260) 563-5291. Wherever you are on life's journey, come join us as we continue the work of Jesus...Peacefully, Simply, Together. Sunday School 9:30am. Worship 10:30am. Children's church and nursery available during worship. Online Service through website or conference call.

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 **Wabash Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**, 110 W. Hill St., Wabash; Stephen Eberhard, Minister; phone: 260-563-4179; website: www.wabashchristian.org. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Nursery provided. Find us on YouTube and Facebook.

FRIENDS CHURCH

 **Wabash Friends Church**, 3563 S State Rd 13. (260) 563-8452. Lead Pastor, Brandon Eaton. Join us for in-person worship at 8:30AM or 10:45AM, or via live-stream on Facebook at 10:45AM. Children's programming available infants - 6th grade. Sunday school for all ages at 9:45AM. Youth (7th-12th) Sunday evenings at 6:30PM.

INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

 **Bachelor Creek Church of Christ**, 4 miles north of Wabash on St. Rd. 15; phone 260-563-4109; website: bachelorcreek.com; Worship Minister - Michael Eaton, Student Minister - David Diener, Children's Minister - Tyler Leland, Middle School & Small Groups Minister - Nate Plyler, Next Steps & Outreach Minister - Ryan Keim, Women's Director- Taylor McFarland, Early Childhood Director - Janet Legesse. Worship 9:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.


LUTHERAN

Living Faith Lutheran Church (NALC), 242 S. Huntington St., Wabash, IN. Worship begins each Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. with Bible study classes for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join us for worship. Worship Services live streamed on our website. www.LivingFaithWabash.org



Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1500 S Wabash Street. Pastor Dr. Kent Young. (260) 563-6626. We worship our Lord each Sunday at 9:30am with Gospel-based message and Holy Communion. There is a time of fellowship and refreshments immediately following the service. We are handicap accessible and everyone is welcome at Trinity! tlcwabash@gmail.com.

UNITED METHODIST


 **North Manchester United Methodist Church**, 306 E Second Street, North Manchester. Pastor Steve Bahrt. (260) 982-7537. Worship Service 8:15am & 10:30am. Coffee Fellowship 9am. Sunday School 9:30am.

 **Richvalley United Methodist Church**, 290 N Jefferson. (260) 563-1033. Pastor Jack Suits. Worship service begins at 9:30am. Nursery available. Sunday School begins at 10:45am for all age.





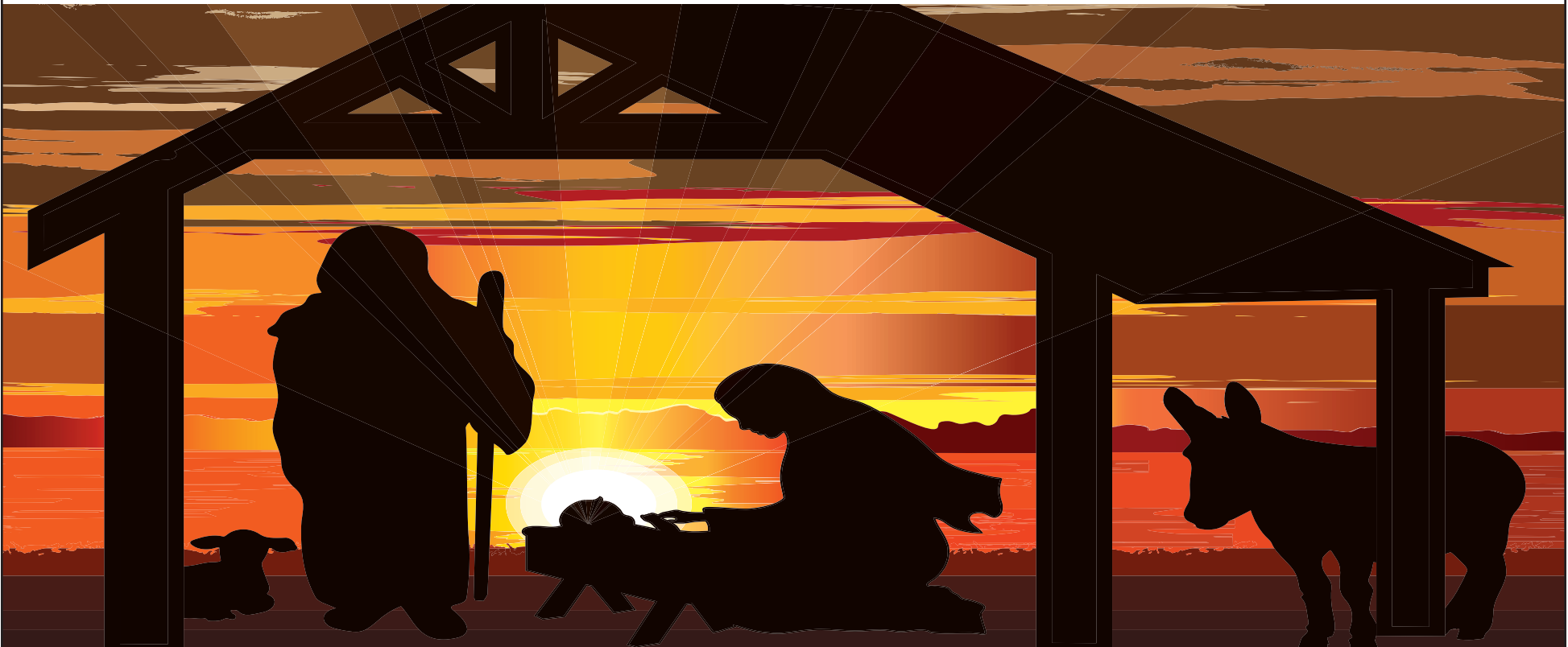
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Daily Bible Reading

Romans 11:1-24	Romans 11:25-36	Romans 12:1-21	Romans 13:1-14	Romans 14:1-23	Romans 15:1-13	Romans 15:14-33
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